

29TH INTERNATIONAL SAXOPHONE SYMPOSIUM

The Navy Band presents the 29th International Saxophone Symposium at George Mason University on Friday, January 6 and Saturday, January 7, 2005. The event features classical saxophonists **Vincent David** and **Kenneth Tse** as well as jazz saxophonist **Bruce Johnstone**.

All events are **FREE** with no tickets required. The opening concert by the Navy Band (Friday, January 6, 8 p.m.) and the final concert by the "Commodores" jazz ensemble (Saturday, January 7, 8 p.m.) will be held in the Concert Hall at the university's "Center for the Arts." The January/February issue of fanfare will include the schedule of events.



Vincent David



Kenneth Tse



Bruce Johnstone

"HAPPY HOLIDAYS"
NAVY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Saturday, December 17, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18, 3 p.m.

The United States Navy Band and its specialty groups present this year's holiday concert, entitled "Happy Holidays," at DAR Constitution Hall, 18th and D Streets, N.W., in Washington, D.C.

The performances are **FREE** and tickets are required. To request up to four **FREE** tickets, please send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to:

Holiday Tickets (FF)
U.S. Navy Band
P.O. Box 70271
Washington, DC 20024-0271
(Designate "A" for Saturday, "B" for Sunday)

Please allow 1-4 weeks for delivery.

All ticket requests are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Naval Media Center will broadcast the performance via satellite. We expect the performance to be carried by Direct to Sailor network (DTS) and American Forces Television and Radio Service (AFRTS). Various local cable channels may choose to air this special. Check your local listings or on screen cable programming guide for details. Visit www.navyband.navy.mil later in December for a complete list of stations.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



to be found anywhere. From classical to country, rock 'n' roll to jazz the "Sea Chanters" chorus, "Country Current" country-bluegrass group, "Cruisers" contemporary music ensemble

beauty of Tchaikovsky's "Waltz of the Flowers," the energy of the Cruisers' "The Holidays Rock" medley as well as the pure fun of Country Current's bluegrass version of "Dueling Jingle Bells" all in one concert? And kids -- there is a rumor that a certain "special guest" from the North Pole will arrive to



"Santa" addresses the audience at DAR Constitution Hall and spreads holiday cheer to service members at home and abroad.

The United States Navy Band presents "Happy Holidays" at DAR Constitution Hall on Saturday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m. Be sure to send for your tickets early, as these concerts almost always "sell out!" Once again, the Naval Media Center team will broadcast the concert around the world. Visit www.navyband.navy.mil later in December for a complete list of stations airing the program.

This year, Captain Ralph M. Gambone will continue the tradition of presenting the most musically diverse program of holiday favorites

and members of the "Commodores" jazz ensemble will join the Navy Band to present a wide variety of selections with a quality of talent second to none. Where else can you experience the

lead us in a salute to our troops overseas. Please join Captain Gambone and the Navy Band for this Washington tradition that will surely put you in the spirit of the season. *ff*

Performance Calendar

The U.S. Navy Band and specialty groups present the following **FREE** concerts. Tickets or reservations are not required unless noted (*). For more information call (202) 433-2525.

NOVEMBER
SEA CHANTERS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 7 PM.
Asbury United Methodist Church
78 Church Road
Arnold, Md.

CHAMBER
GROUPS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2 PM.
"CHAMBER RECITAL"
Glenview Mansion
603 Edmonston Drive
Rockville, Md.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2 PM.
BRASS QUARTET
Kensington Park Community Library
4201 Knowles Ave.
Kensington, Md.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7:30 PM.
"HARBOR WINDS"
CLARINET QUARTET
Navy Museum (Bldg. 76)*
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D.C.
*For **FREE** reservations call (202) 433-6897.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 4 PM.
"HARBOR WINDS"
CLARINET QUARTET
Downtown Baptist Church
212 South Washington St.
Alexandria, Va.

DECEMBER
NAVY BAND

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 5 PM.
"PAGEANT OF PEACE"
President's Park/The Ellipse
Constitution Ave. & 15th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 7:30 PM.
Robinson Secondary School
5035 Sidebun Road
Fairfax, Va.

CHAMBER
GROUPS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 6 PM.
BRASS QUARTET
The John F. Kennedy Center
for the Performing Arts
Millennium Stage
2700 F St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, NOON
BRASS QUARTET & VOCALIST
"HOLIDAY FAMILY DAY"

U.S. Navy Memorial
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7:30 PM.
HARP-FLUTE DUO
Navy Museum (Bldg. 76)*
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D.C.
*For **FREE** reservations call (202) 433-6897.

LOOKING AHEAD
TO JANUARY

NAVY BAND

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 8 PM.
Sudbrook Arts Centre
4300 Bedford Road at Alter St.
Pikesville, Md.

COUNTRY CURRENT
2005 FALL TOUR

The "Country Current" country-bluegrass group departs October 27 on an 18-day tour through Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Iowa. The following is a list of tour performances.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 8 PM.
Lincoln High School Auditorium
Lincoln, Neb.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7 PM.
North Platte High School
North Platte, Neb.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:30 PM.
Newcastle High School
Crouch Auditorium
Newcastle, Wyo.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 3 PM.
Dawson County High
School Auditorium
Glendive, Mont.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 7 PM.
Havre High School Auditorium
Havre, Mont.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:30 PM.
Park High School Auditorium
Livingston, Mont.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 7:30 PM.
Northwest Community College
Nelson Auditorium
Powell, Wyo.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7:30 PM.
Shrine Auditorium
Billings, Mont.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 7 PM.
Custer County High
School Auditorium
Miles City, Mont.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2 PM.
Dickinson State University
Samuel T. May Hall
Dorothy Stickney Auditorium
Dickinson, N.D.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 7:30 PM.
Mandan High School Auditorium
Mandan, N.D.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:30 PM.
The Fargo Theatre
Fargo, N.D.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7:30 PM.
Northern State University
Johnson Fine Arts Center
Main Theatre
Aberdeen, S.D.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7 PM.
DD Miller Auditorium
Watertown, S.D.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7 PM.
Brandon Valley
Performing Arts Center
Brandon, S.D.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 3 PM.
Orpheum Theatre
Sioux City, Iowa

COMMODORES
2005 FALL TOUR

The "Commodores" jazz ensemble departs November 1 on a 20-day tour through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. The following is a list of tour performances.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7:30 PM.
Bethel Park High School Auditorium
Bethel Park, Pa.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:30 PM.
Secrest Auditorium
Zanesville, Ohio

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 7:30 PM.
Masonic Temple Auditorium
Dayton, Ohio

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7 PM.
Franklin County Veterans
Memorial Auditorium
Columbus, Ohio

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All concert information is accurate at time of publication, though subject to change due to weather and other conditions. For concert updates call the 24-hour Navy Band Performance Calendar at (202) 433-2525, or visit us on the web at www.navyband.navy.mil.

CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE



The Navy Band received an early Christmas present this year. Yes, after about two and half years, the Navy Band will be moving back into the place its members have called home for over 80 years - the Sail Loft! It is indeed exciting for all of us to be going “home for the holidays.” The renovated spaces are designed to fully support our mission and to meet the needs of every member of the Band. In fact, the Sail Loft is so beautiful and functional that we are already exploring the possibility of performing concerts and chamber music recitals there in the future. We will keep you posted on this initiative.

Once again the Naval Media Center and the Navy Band will join forces for this year’s annual holiday concerts. Additional information about these performances is contained in this issue. This year’s show contains many new musical selections along with some of the more popular tunes we have performed on past holiday concerts. For instance, you won’t want to miss Chief Musician Scott Silbert's grand rendition of Bach’s “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” featuring members of the Navy Band, Sea Chanters, Cruisers and Country Current. We had such an overwhelming response to this piece that we just had to perform it again this year. So bring your family and friends and come celebrate the holidays with your United States Navy Band!

As we close out another year, I want to thank all of you for supporting the Navy Band and wish you and your families a warm and wonderful holiday season.

Ralph M. Gambone

Ralph M. Gambone, Captain, USN
Officer in Charge/Leader

NOTABLE QUOTES

“Another masterful performance at the Deale Bluegrass Festival. The endurance of the group in order to put on the 90-minute show was incredible. It appeared to be a labor of love, though, as the members always seemed to be having fun on stage.”

Country Current fan

“My family saw them perform at Bethany Beach the last week of July this year while we were on vacation. Wow! They are fantastic. I love the classic rock songs from the Police and the Doobie Brothers that they played. It was an incredible evening for me and my entire family. You guys (and gal) are really that good.”

Cruisers fan

“Quite frankly, we expected an evening of march music, patriotic songs, and the like, which would have been wonderful. But to our delighted surprise, we had that plus much more! We were thoroughly motivated and entertained and, even though I am a U. S. ARMY veteran, I was quite enthusiastic about joining in the singing of ‘Anchors Away!’”

Concert Band & Sea Chanters fan

“The performance was absolutely fabulous, the best I've heard. My wife and I attended with another couple and we were all blown away by the performance from beginning to end. We make it a point to hear the Commodores when they perform at Reston Town Center during the summer concerts there. Bottom line is that the concert Saturday night was absolutely the best ever.”

Commodores fan

FEATURES/CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

DEATH OF A PRESIDENT/BIRTH OF THE BAND
THE BENTER ERA BEGINS...

In 1919, Bandmaster Charles Benter transferred from the fleet (where at age 21 he had become the youngest bandmaster in the Navy) to the Washington Navy Yard Band where he was to become the “Father of the United States Navy Band.” He brought the Band to its authorized strength of 30 after it had dwindled to less than 20 at the end of World War I. In 1920, he began the Band’s long radio career, broadcasting from a hangar at the Anacostia Naval Air Station. Monday night concerts at the Capitol commenced in 1922, and the Navy Department started referring to the ensemble as “The Navy Band” – in keeping with Benter’s dream to make the Band the official band of the U.S. Navy.

Early in 1923, the Navy

Band accompanied President Warren G. Harding on a trip to Alaska, playing marches at each stop. President Harding was stricken with a heart attack and died on August 2. The Band played Chopin’s “Funeral March” for the cortege from the Palace Hotel to the San Francisco train station.

With the Navy Band at 75 members strong in 1925, the 68th Congress passed Public Law 611, Title 34, Section 596, which ordained “That hereafter the band now stationed at the Navy Yard ... and known as the Navy Yard Band, shall be designated as the United States Navy Band.” On

the day of his inauguration, President Coolidge signed the bill into law, and later that year authorized the Band to embark on national concert tours. On October 12, 1925, the Navy Band departed Washington by train on its first tour — a swing through Southern states that lasted eight weeks. Lieutenant Benter’s dream had come true! *ff*



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Mark you calendars! Make your plans! Join Captain Ralph M. Gambone and the men and women of the United States Navy Band for the 29th International Saxophone Symposium to be held January 6 and 7, 2006, at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. Founded in 1977 by now retired Master Chief Musician Dale Underwood, the Symposium has been a mainstay of the Navy Band and the community ever since. Each year, three featured artists perform with the Navy Band and “Commodores” jazz ensemble. This year's guest artists are Vincent David from the Versailles Conservatory in France,

Kenneth Tse from the University of Iowa and jazz saxophonist Bruce Johnstone from the State University of New York at Fredonia. Joining our guest artists in performance is the Navy Band's own Senior Chief Musician Timothy E. Roberts.

In addition to concerts by the Navy Band and the Commodores, the Symposium offers many popular clinics, master classes and recitals, as well as vendor booths for instruments, sheet music and accessories. Events begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, January 6. For more information, visit www.navyband.navy.mil. All events at the International Saxophone

Symposium are free and open to the public, and no tickets are required. A detailed schedule will appear in the next issue of fanfare. *ff*

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Or email:
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SCHEDULE CONTINUED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 4:30 P.M.
Veterans Memorial Civic Center
and Convention Center
Lima, Ohio
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2:00 P.M.
Ball State University
Emens Auditorium
Muncie, Ind.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 7:30 P.M.
Hinsdale Central High
School Auditorium
Hinsdale, Ill.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:30 P.M.
Grand Opera House
Dubuque, Iowa
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7 P.M.
Wisconsin Lutheran
High School Auditorium
Milwaukee, Wis.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7 P.M.
Marian College
Sadoff Gymnasium
Fond du Lac, Wis.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7:30 P.M.
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Ganther Concert Hall
Eau Claire, Wis.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7:30 P.M.
Stillwater Area
High School Auditorium
Stillwater, Minn.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:30 P.M.
Minnetonka High School
Fine Arts Center
Minnetonka, Minn.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7 P.M.
Iowa Central Community
College Auditorium
Fort Dodge, Iowa
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 8 P.M.
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lied Center for the Performing Arts
Lincoln, Neb.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7:30 P.M.
Saydel High School Auditorium
Des Moines, Iowa
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7:30 P.M.
Civic Auditorium
La Porte, Ind.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 7:30 P.M.
Lorain Community College
Stocker Arts Center
Elyria, Ohio

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL TO...

Chief Musician Cynthia R. Curtis, Music Librarian for the Navy Band, who received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal on the occasion of her retirement after 24 years of service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Master Chief Musician Mark C. Cochran, **Senior Chief Musicians R. Scott Alexander** and **Guy G. Gauthreaux II**, and **Musician First Class David G. Malvaso** on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal...and to **Musicians First Class Stanley Curtis**, **Shawn M. Galvin**, **Christopher M. Sala** and **Tia Perdomo Turner** on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

SPOTLIGHT ON...



Newly promoted **Senior Chief Musician Stephanie Rowland**, the Navy Band’s Comptroller, holds the honor of being one of the first female vocalists to join the Sea Chanters chorus. **Senior Chief, can you share your beginnings in music?** Since middle school I have loved singing in choirs and glee clubs. When I was a junior in high school, I was chosen to be a member of Dr. Paul Traver's Summer Chorus at the

University of Maryland. The group was highly regarded and performed at the Kennedy Center and National Cathedral. My parents wanted me to major in chemistry in college, but I chose vocal performance at the University of Maryland studying with James McDonald. **What prompted you to leave your career as a Sea Chanter and serve in the Supply Department?** When I first joined the Sea Chanters we seldom traveled. During our first tour, I was several months pregnant with my son. I soon realized that this was not the life for me. At that time, I had been working collaterally for the Supply and Operations Departments as a Travel Control Supervisor. My plans for a direction change coincided with the Band's Receiving Officer leaving. I joined the staff and gained experience in almost every aspect of the Supply Department. When the former Comptroller chose to retire, the transition was easy.

Can you tell us about your responsibilities as Comptroller? The Comptroller answers directly to the Officer in Charge assuring that all the Band's monetary needs are met. I track finances in partnership with the Receiving Officer who makes sure certain funds go where allocated. The Contracting Officer and a host of other dedicated people take care of details while we manage the programs. **The Band will be moving back to their renovated facilities in the coming weeks. Can you tell us about your contribution?** Several years ago when the building's renovation was just a dream, a feasibility study was being conducted and I eagerly asked to be involved. As the project developed I had very definite ideas about how the building should look. We wanted the building to be a SHOWPLACE, and I believe we succeeded.

What are your immediate goals? My most immediate goal is to complete my bachelor's degree. Also, this year I have applied to attend a Department of Defense Practical Comptroller Course, which will greatly enhance my ability to perform my duties. **Can you share with us some of your proudest moments during your time with the Navy Band?** There are many...solos at the Kennedy Center, our performances of *The Marriage of Figaro* and performing for the Chief of Naval Operations. I must say the proudest moment for me was giving birth to my son. Being a wife and mom are still the most fulfilling things I do.